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1. The Soviet freighter Slobodka entered Turnu Severin Harbor on 26 Aug 53 and tied up at pier 8 at 7 p.m. It was loaded with tanks and armored cars for the Rumanian Army.
2. The following were observed during unloading on 27 Aug 53: 12 Type BA 6-ton armored cars; 12 type BT 10-ton armored cars; 12 type T-26 about 10-ton armored cars; four type OT equipped with flame throwers and smoke projectors; eight type T-50; six type T-34/85; six type KW II, with 152 mm guns.
3. The vehicles were not new and probably in need of repairs, since they did not go aboard railroad cars under their own power, but were towed. On being loaded they were sent to Toplita, where a repair station for tanks has been set up.
4. It is probable that they are intended for the Rumanian Army, since they were taken over by a group of Rumanian officers.

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